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SPORTING NOTES.

Much has already been said and written about the Marathon race which took place last Saturday afternoon, and many seem surprised at there being only one civilian competitor. To attribute the lack of entries to lack of interest on the part of local civilian pedestrians is surely hitting below the belt, as the time the distance was covered, in leaves no room for doubt that, no matter how many others had entered, the result would have been the same. I am of the opinion that the lack of civilian competitors was entirely due to the fact that those who in past years have been noted as distance runners realised that on this occasion there were better men in the field, and, to use a sporting term, "refused to back a dead horse."

The bleak drizzly afternoon did not prevent the first of the Shield matches taking place, although in many respects it is a pity that it did not. Firstly, because there was no reason why the players should have risked their bones on such a treacherous soil, as there was no particular hurry for the tie to be played off, and, secondly, the public should be considered, where it is possible, in a match which was of such great importance. The match itself was quite as important as it had been the final, as both teams were strongly fancied, and whichever won was likely to go a long way in the competition. The Gamblers won, and although a draw would have been a more satisfactory result according to the run of the play, now that they have done so well let them keep up the traditions of the competition and win the Shield, as the only club to oust our premier combination in the first round in former years have proved to be the ultimate winners.

A peculiar coincidence crops up in the draw for the rounds of the Army and Navy Football Shield competition. Each match will be played between teams which will have already met in the H. K. Shield competition.

The only second division match for a fortnight was that between 88 Coy. and B Coy. on Monday, and the former by their win are now almost sure to win the championship in this division.

The boxing class seems to have caught on with Service men in the Colony just at present, it may be owing to the exceptional interest which is being taken in the forthcoming fight between Lewis and Bellows. The R.E. Theatre is, I understand, a rendezvous for quite a number of coming pugilists, among whom is Sapper Haller, who is now in strict training for his fight with Private Willis of the Buffs, which will take place some time in February. The Sapper is in good hands, and it will be no fault of his trainers if he does not put up a good fight against his more experienced opponent when they meet.

I have been assured that Kowloon drew with the Buffs in the cricket match at Kowloon on Saturday. If this is so it seems to me to be a strange and, it might be said, unjust arrangement, as under ordinary circumstances the soldiers would have won easily. The Sappers and Telegraphs when the light faded owing to the rain on Saturday wisely agreed to try conclusions at some future date. British-like, however, the participants in the other two matches finished their games. If the present weather continues and the League fixtures have got to be gone on with there is every likelihood of a suitable cricket suit being introduced to meet the requirements of the altered conditions.

The big fight which is billed for Saturday night promises to be a Roman gladiatorial contest. It is expected, and not without reason, to crown the record of the Colony's pugilistic encounters. The principals are men of skill and endurance, and both have won golden opinions here and elsewhere from votaries of the "manly art."

Bill Lewis, whose recent battles have made him a name famous in the prize ring, has an unbroken record of victories since his arrival in the Colony. He is now hard at work at Whittaker's, and has for his sparring partners the scientific "Ginger" Arnold, and Oshman with the mule-kick hit. "Bill" is in excellent fettle, and his admirers expect to see him at his best in the squared circle. They are confident that he will not shatter the reputation which he has established by hard-fought battles in Australia, South Africa and the East.

Billy Bellows is by no means a stranger to Hongkong. He is the hero of some 55 fights, many of which were decided at the City Hall. His record shows only one defeat, and on that occasion he was in ill-health. Such a career, extending over many years, stamps Bellows as a boxer who will give a good account of himself. On his arrival from Manila, the spacious gymnasium of the Y.R.C. was placed at his disposal, and Seamus Roberts and "Jack" Forbes, one of the foremost amateurs in Hongkong, came forward as sparring partners. Billy looks nothing at his old form, and can be relied upon to put up as good a fight as ever he did for the honours and dollars that will go to the conqueror.

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ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE SPEECH DAY.

His Lordship the Bishop of Victoria presided at the annual prize distribution at St. Stephen's College, yesterday. The ceremony took place in the Lai Kwai Kin Hall, and was attended by a number of parents and friends of the scholars. There were seated on the platform: His Lordship, the Bishop of Victoria, the Rev. E. J. Barnett (Warden), Rev. F. T. Johnson, Hon. Dr. Ho Kai, Mr. S. W. Tso and Mr. Chan Sin Ki.

The proceedings opened with a prayer by the Rev. Mr. Hewitt.

The Rev. E. J. Barnett then read the annual report. He said:—My Lord Bishop, Ladies and Gentlemen.—The seventh year of the existence of St. Stephen's College has been marked by several special features. Chief among the visible evidences of advance in this hall in which we meet—the Lai Kwai Kin Hall—no named after the donor of \$5,000, whose name heads the list of subscriptions to the building fund. On 8th January, 1909, His Excellency, Sir Frederick Lugard, K.O.M.G., laid the foundation stone of the extension of the College. The building was passed by the Government in November, and on 20th December last under the Chairmanship of the Right Rev. the Bishop of Victoria and in the presence of the Right Rev. Bishop Ingham, Central Secretary of the Church Missionary Society, and others, His Excellency the Governor declared this building opened for educational purposes. On that occasion opportunity was afforded to refer to the advantage accruing from the handsome gift of a thirty thousand dollar building. These benefits, it is not now necessary to repeat except so far as to record formally the appreciation and gratitude of the C.M.S. authorities, the College Council and the Teaching Staff to those parents, guardians and students of the College who have thus nobly contributed to the cause of modern and sound education in the Far East. Attached to the south side of the towers at the entrance is an additional building, known as the Rutherford Hall, the gift of a generous lady in England as a memorial to her departed parents. This hall is of the utmost service for various kinds of meetings among the students and is greatly appreciated by them. This same lady has also provided the furniture for her hall. The erection of the Rutherford Hall suggested the addition of a physical laboratory above it. This has been well carried out, and a home gift of \$200 has provided furnishings. Many friends in England have likewise given for the strengthening of our work, and amongst other things I have received an up-to-date demonstration lantern from Newton's, costing in all (without aides) nearly \$40. With such encouragements from our friends, both Chinese and English, we have no excuse for not putting our very best heart and energies into the steady and sure development of St. Stephen's College. Further encouragement has come to us from another quarter. The Oxford results of 1909 have exceeded all that has gone before. The College passed 100 per cent of candidates. For the first time physics was presented, the section chosen being electricity and magnetism. All the candidates recommended passed in this subject, namely, three in the senior and four in the junior. Another outstanding feature of this examination was higher mathematics in the senior division, which has rarely, if ever, been successfully presented by Chinese candidates before. Here again three candidates satisfied the examiners. For the first time Chinese language and literature was included in the list of subjects. Seven distinctions were gained by Hongkong candidates. Of these, five fell to St. Stephen's College, and another to our sister institution, St. Stephen's Girls' College. Still another innovation was brought in last July. The Oxford authorities arranged for an examination in connection with the Locals which would exempt from re-examination. We congratulate Fung Man Sui on being one of the first two Chinese students to win in the East the right to matriculate in the Oxford University without further examination. In the junior section, Chan Tuen Nin deserves special mention for having obtained honours while passing in nine subjects, including English composition and distinction in Chinese. Summarised the results stand thus—19 candidates passed, four of these in the preliminary section, six in the junior (one with honours and distinction in Chinese), and nine in the Senior. Eight gained the degree of Associate of Arts, four being awarded distinction in classical Chinese and one obtaining exemption from re-examination. All recommended candidates passed in arithmetic, religious knowledge, history, higher mathematics, and electricity and magnetism. The third special feature of the year now closing is the appointment of a Board of Advice consisting of five Chinese and three European members, namely, The Hon. Dr. Ho Kai, C.M.G., The Hon. Mr. Wei Yik, C.M.G., Mr. Lai Kwai Pui, Mr. Chan Sin Ki, C.M.G., Mr. S. W. Tso, Mr. H. C. Harris, Commissioner of the Imperial Chinese Customs, the Rev. H. O. Spink, and the Warden as Chairman *ex officio*. The College Council would take this opportunity of welcoming them to the college and office and at the same time of expressing the confident hope that they will most loyally and efficiently assist in the development of St. Stephen's College along the lines upon which it has been so firmly established. Our final examinations, upon which prizes have been awarded, reveal steady progress in each form. There are individual exceptions to this rule, but year by year it is becoming more difficult for students to secure promotion to a higher form when they have had "very important business in Canton" just before the examination takes place. There is always an exciting but good-natured contest

for the Dean—the headship of the College—with a gold medal attached. After a sharp contest in eight groups, Leung Nai Hang stands first, with Chan Tuen Nin and Wei Wing Lok following close behind. The Wei On Scholarship is divided between the candidates who passed best at the Oxford Senior Examination and the one who obtains the highest marks in the College final examination in English language and literature, correspondence, book-keeping, geography, arithmetic and Chinese. There is a rule which precludes any one student from carrying on the Scholarship twice. Under this rule, Fung Man Sui, Chan Yung Wing, and See Chung Shun are excluded. The awards this year, therefore, are made to Leung Nai Hang and to Chan Tuen Nin. Two innovations for the coming year should be announced—

1. That an entrance examination will be held on Saturday 26th February, at 9 a.m. Applicants for entrance to the College must attend this Examination, also any of those students whose names, through continued absence, have gone off the books and wish to re-enter.

2. We are expecting to arrange for the teaching of Mandarin after re-opening.

It has often been my pleasure to refer not only to the excellent work of the teaching staff, but also to their unflagging interest in all that makes for the best interests of the College. Some do higher work, some lower, but all alike contribute to such success as we have enjoyed this year. No better justification for my words of appreciation can be offered than that which has been said above concerning the unparalleled results of last year's work. I am sure the older members of the Staff and the boys will gladly unite with me in expressing appreciation of the assistance rendered by Mr. Hewitt in this his first year among us. We shall also all be glad at the beginning of the next year to welcome back Mr. Mackenzie after his furlough. Before sitting down I would ask to be allowed to thank most sincerely the parents and guardians who have again more liberally than ever replenished our Prize Fund. The names of these gentlemen are—Lai Kwai Pui, Wong Fe Nung, Chan Sin Ki, Lo Cho San, Kwok Sin Lan, Ip Wai Kwan, Kwok Yik Ting, Wong Kin Cho, Chan Kang Uo, Chan Chik Uo, Uo Lai Chuen, Ng Pak To, Chang Wo Hin, Wong Pui Cho, Yung Yik Chang, Ng Hon Chi, Fung Chun Yuen, Ho Kai, S. W. Tso, Chan Cheuk Fan, Tang Chi Ngung, Chin Sheng Sang, Chan Kam Wing, Leung Yan Po, Leung Hin Cho, Leung Po Chan, Wei Yik, Lo Lai Chuen, Yung Cho Fong, Ng Mok Shi, Wong Si Tung, Chan Si Lai, Chan Nam, Cheung Hang Tin, Fok Lai Ming, Fok Mok Ching, Luk Chien San, Chiu Chung Han, Ng Kai Tung. It is gratifying to know that "old boys" are maintaining the prestige of their College abroad, particularly in England and America. It is proposed to take steps for the formation of an Old Boys' Association next year. The number of names appearing on the roll for 1909 is 167, as against 125 last year. The number of boarders, owing to lack of accommodation has been few—never at one time exceeding 20. The new wing, has, however, remedied this defect. It is only fair to the students to add that they have by their keenness and general demeanour encouraged their masters to put forth their best efforts on their behalf. The exceptions to this statement are but few. More particularly are we gratified at the efforts they themselves are making to uphold the reputation of the College not only for sound learning and progress, but for the cultivation of character upon the basis of morality and purity. The College will re-assemble on Tuesday, March 1st. Meanwhile, I wish you all a bright and prosperous New Year. (Applause.)

His Lordship the Bishop, before proceeding to distribute the prizes, said he had received a letter from the Governor, craved in warm language, expressing his appreciation of St. Stephen's, and regretting his inability to be present. His Excellency, however, hoped to be present next year. His Lordship wished first of all to extend a welcome to the visitors. St. Stephen's College had now a world-wide reputation, and in an article written by the master of the Magdalene College, Cambridge, it was referred to as one of the colleges doing pioneer work in the education of the East. He wished to inform parents that the College felt it was a very great mark of confidence that they entrusted their boys to St. Stephen's, and he could assure them that that confidence would never be betrayed. The masters' achievements were magnificent, and thanks were due to them for the work they had done. Such results could not have been attained without a great deal of strenuous effort. He knew they had high ideals for their pupils, and he trusted they would cherish them. The scholars, his Lordship said, were important persons for everything that had been done was done on their account, and he wished to heartily congratulate them on the distinction the College had attained through their efforts. It seemed to his Lordship that every nation needed to-day something more than clever and well-educated men. It needed men of integrity, of character, men who were proved through and through, and who would put the welfare of their nation before their own personal interests, and the training given in St. Stephen's College was given with that very intention. His Lordship exhorted the boys to keep before them the ideal to be true through and through, so that they might look the whole world in the face. The best way to "save face" in all situations was to be the same all through, live a clean, pure, righteous and straightforward life. Then not only would their influence be for good, but it would help their own destinies.

His Lordship then distributed the prizes to successful scholars, and the proceedings ended.

CANTON.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

25th January.

A CHAPTER OF ACCIDENTS.

A man living in Ping Chow village returned home a few nights ago with a large sum of money in his possession. The local robbers got to hear of it and tracked him to a lonely place, where they set upon him and took away his money. In the struggle he was severely hurt, but managed to crawl to his house and send his eldest son for medical aid. The night was very dark and the son fell into a pond and was drowned. The wounded man meanwhile died, and in the morning the body of the young man was discovered and brought home. There was much weeping and wailing, and in the midst of it the officers of the law came to hold an inquest. The family refused to admit the officers, giving as their reason the strange local superstition that should a corpse be examined by an official the body will never live again as a human being, but will become an animal for ever. The officers, as superstitious as the villagers, respected this tale and no inquest was held.

CONFESSION OF MURDER.

As reported some days ago, a man was murdered at Ha Kow Po, and for some time the assassin could not be found. A few days after a man was arrested on suspicion and he was tried yesterday. He at once confessed himself guilty of the crime and gave a full explanation of the circumstances that led to the murder. He was asked to sign his evidence, which he did with a firm hand. This being done he acknowledged that his crime was an atrocious one and said he thoroughly deserved death.

A BACCALI ARRESTED.

A certain Wong was a clerk in the office of the Taoist of Constabulary, but he was dismissed on account of having demanded and obtained "bribe" from those coming to the Taoist's Yamen. He then committed rape on a servant girl, whose master, hearing the news, forbade her to go out of the house. Wong then sent a letter to his master saying that if the girl were not allowed to go as usual he (Wong) would assassinate him by means of a dynamite bomb and a revolver. The terrified recipient of the letter took it to the Taoist of Constabulary, who caused Wong to be arrested. He is now detained for trial and detectives have been sent to his house to search for dynamite.

TO REINSTATE AN OFFICER.

Twenty-five years ago a native of the Sheung Shan District called Ho King was appointed Viceroy of the Fokien Province, but owing to certain matters connected with his administration he was dismissed. A body of Cantonese holding high official positions have recently petitioned the Throne praying for Ho's restoration to favour.

OPTIM.

According to reports in the native Press the amount of opium imported into the province for the past year is greater than that of the preceding year. Viceroy Yuen has approached the Minister for Foreign Affairs on this subject, and has pointed out to the Minister the great harm done to the Province by this drug. He finished the dispatch by asking the Minister to take steps to limit the amount of the drug imported. In reply the Minister is said to have observed that the Viceroy's scheme was impracticable, as a compulsory restriction of the opium imported would result in grave friction with the foreign merchants. He advised His Excellency to vigorously enforce the anti-opium laws and to actively enforce the Anti-Opium Societies' endeavours. By doing so a decreased number of smokers would be the result and the amount of opium imported would automatically be lessened.

THE CULT OF ROLLER SKATING.

Roller skating, says the N.C. Daily News, threatens to become as popular in Shanghai as in Great Britain and other places where the cult has long found high favour. Although Shanghai already has one rink it has been decided that more accommodation is required, and as a consequence a small syndicate has been formed, which designs to construct a large, up-to-date rink. Temporary premises have been secured in Bulding Wall Road (Chang Ba-ho Garden), which will be used pending the erection of a larger building. The Municipal Council has granted the syndicate permission to use this building, which will be thoroughly remodelled and decorated throughout, until the permanent structure has been completed.

It is claimed that the temporary building, which will be opened probably a month hence, will be spacious and comfortable. The main building is 270 ft. long by 105 ft. wide, over all, and is built on a plot of land which was formerly a wide carriage-drive. The main entrance will consist of a corridor 10 ft. wide, which will lead into the foyer, 80 ft. long by 15 ft. wide. Off the corridor will be situated the managers' office and the ticket office; retiring rooms, a tea-room, a buffet and a grill-room. The state-room will also be in the vicinity, and will have two delivery windows of ample proportions, so that several cars can be served at the same time.

The floor will be 200 ft. long by 80 ft. wide, with a 15 ft. racing track of ten laps to the mile. It will be of seasoned Singapore hardwood, and should withstand for many seasons the wear and tear to which, it is anticipated, it will be subjected. On one side of the rink will be the spectators' gallery, the size of which will be 145 ft. long and 24 ft. deep. The gallery, as well as the other portions of the building, will be of gas steel. The hand stand will be opposite the gallery. The skaters will be supplied with Ranshaw adjustable ball-bearing skates, large and comfortable, of which has already been received from the makers in England. The rink will be under the personal supervision of two foreign managers, whose names have not yet been announced.

It may be mentioned that as soon as the temporary building has been re-modelled, the contractors will begin to erect the permanent edifice. This will be built around the temporary building, and on completion will absorb the present structure. The new building will, consequently, be much larger, and all the improvements that experience shows to be necessary, will be incorporated.

It is anticipated that the rink will be ready towards the end of next month.

AMERICA'S TRADE IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

PRACTICAL COUNTESS.

HUGH WINSTON COCKING.

The New York correspondent of the Daily Telegraph writes on the 24th ult.—American bankers cordially supported by President Taft and the United States Government, are planning to extend their ramifications to foreign countries on a scale never before attempted. Messrs. Morgan & Co., Kuhn, Loeb & Co., the National City Bank, and J. P. Morgan, Messrs. Speyer & Co., and Messrs. J. & W. Seligman will be foremost in the movement, and they are allied with many firms of less importance but great wealth. Arrangements contemplated for the future look not only to the attractive territories of South America, Central America, and Mexico, and of Canada, where heretofore British, German, and French capital have predominated, but to the undeveloped Orient, to Russia, to Turkey, to Egypt, to Africa, including the Congo Free State, and to the more advanced countries of Continental Europe.

President Taft, as I reported in *The Daily Telegraph* recently, advised Congress to encourage American financiers to look beyond the United States for opportunities for investment and for the building up of American influence and commerce, and, he added:

"This Administration, through the Department of State and the Foreign Service, is lending all proper support to legitimate and beneficial American enterprises in foreign countries, the degree of such support being measured by the natural advantages to be expected."

This forward movement, I learn, will be greatly facilitated by the co-operation amongst the principal American bankers which the panic of 1907 inspired, and of which the necessity of standing shoulder to shoulder in a common cause was the inspiring factor. Since then syndicates have been formed illustrative of this wide co-operation. The American participants in the proposed Chinese railroad loan are Messrs. Morgan & Co., Messrs. Kuhn, Loeb & Co., our two largest private banking firms; the National City Bank, which acts largely for the Standard Oil people; and the First National Bank, which is closely allied with the house of Morgan & Co.

Another syndicate that typified the new order of things was formed in 1903 by Messrs. Speyer & Co., to underwrite the Mexican railroad bonds. Its personnel consisted of Messrs. Speyer & Co., Messrs. Kuhn, Loeb & Co., Messrs. Hallgarten & Co., Messrs. Lazard, Thalmann, & Co., Messrs. Speyer Brothers (London), and two Berlin banks. It is not uncommon nowadays to see the National City Bank associated with Morgan & Co. in one enterprise, with Kuhn, Loeb & Co. in another, with Speyer & Co. in a third, and with the First National Bank and the National Bank of Commerce in other situations. It is therefore possible to form alliances of great power when the occasion arises, and this, of course, strengthens the hands of the Administration in "leading all proper support to legitimate and beneficial American enterprises in foreign countries."

The necessity of developing abroad has long been preached, but until lately the task of developing resources at home has almost completely absorbed American financiers. It is unlikely that Great Britain's enormous total of \$3,200,000,000 of foreign investments will be equalled for many a year; but from this I have had with leading business houses in this city I learn that the object of the movement I have indicated is at least to get in that direction. It is rather interesting to note that South and Central America should have furnished a larger field for the employment of capital for Europeans than for financiers having their headquarters at New York, and under the auspices of the International Bureau of American Republics, for which Mr. Andrew Carnegie lately supplied a magnificent building at Washington. The special efforts are being made to attract "discovery," while particular attention will be given to Latin America, and Canadian opportunities, I learn, will be carefully cultivated.

Exceptional importance attaches to the movement I have outlined, not only because American capitalists are well organized for the task of invading fresh fields, but also because they have, by means of the Consular and Diplomatic officers, the practical support and protection of the American Government.

THE NEW COMET.

With reference to a paragraph which appeared in our yesterday's issue, a correspondent has kindly drawn our attention to the following paragraph in the *Weekly Times* of the 17th ult.:

"A faint comet, of the 11th magnitude, was discovered by Mr. Daniel of Princeton, New Jersey, on December 6. His name is already known as a comet-finder from his discovery of the bright comet that appeared in the summer of 1907."

Observations of the new object on three days are now to hand, from which Herr Ebbl, of Kiel, has deduced the elements of its orbit. These show that it passed its perihelion on December 5, the day before its discovery, and it is now receding from both sun and earth, so that its brightness will diminish pretty rapidly. Hence it will be quite uninteresting as a spectacle. Herr Ebbl, however, notes an interesting feature of the orbit; it resembles that of comet 1867 I, closely, and as a period of about 40 years was found for that comet, it is quite possible that this is the same comet returning after one revolution.

As a spectacle, it will be the first case of a comet belonging to Uranus, as the other members of the family, the comet associated with the November meteors, was not detected in 1899. Hence it is desirable to follow this comet for as long as possible, to enable the elements of its orbit to be more accurately determined. Fortunately it is in a very favourable region of the sky for observation, being now about seven degrees north of Beta Aurigæ, and moving steadily due north, so that it will be due east of that star on the 21st. The comet 1867 I was followed for ten weeks, and there is no reason why this should not be followed for a considerably longer period.

Halley's comet is being observed at every opportunity, and is exhibiting notable fluctuations in brightness. On November 22 the Rev. T. E. R. Phillips noted it as of quite the 12th magnitude, and was able to see it with the naked eye. The comet's brightness reduced to 34th the apparent size of the fainter stars then, and on December 8 was not much brighter than the 12th magnitude. Its distance from the earth will soon begin to increase, but as it will continue to approach the sun, it will probably increase in brightness, though more slowly than before. It will be one degree south of Mars on January 15, and four degrees north of Saturn on January 29. It will be lost in the sunhaze for the greater part of March and April; at

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the end of April and the first half of May it will be conspicuous as a morning star. It will transit the disc of the sun during the early morning of May 19 (probably before sunrise in England); it is quite uncertain whether it will be possible to see any part of the comet while crossing the sun. For the last ten days of May the comet will be at its best as an evening star; it will be only 14 million miles from the earth, and will move rapidly through Gemini and Cancer to Hydra. It will be necessary to look for it at the earliest moment that the sky is dark enough, as it will be low down in the west. The date of its nearest approach to the sun is now known with accuracy; it will be 4 a.m. on April 20, the distance from the sun will then be 5,672 in astronomical units, or 549 million miles.

ROYAL COLONIAL INSTITUTE.

EXTENSION OF ACTIVITIES.

The Royal Colonial Institute has decided on an extension of its activities, with the double object of making its work more widely known and of assisting the Empire to keep in touch with the latest developments in the economic progress of the overseas portions of the Empire. It is proposed to institute a series of City luncheons, at each of which will be entertained some distinguished Colonial statesman or other Empire-builder who happens at the time to be visiting this country. The idea is taken from the practice of the associations known as "City Clubs," which in the last few years have sprung into existence in the Dominion of Canada, extending even as far north as Dawson City in the Yukon territory. These clubs play an interesting and important part in Canadian social and business life. Similarly it will be the aim of the Royal Colonial Institute, in the series of luncheons it is contemplating, to strengthen the Imperial sentiment in the heart of the Empire by affording Citymen an opportunity of hearing the most prominent leaders of thought and action in the Overseas Dominions. Already more than one of the City Companies have promised the use of their halls for the purpose of these luncheons, which will be strictly limited in time to one hour, probably from one to two o'clock. Beyond the briefest possible introduction of the chief guest by the chairman the only speech will be that of the guest himself, who will give an address of about twenty-five minutes' duration on the most recent developments in that part of the Empire with which he is specially connected. It was hoped that the first gathering of the kind under the auspices of the Royal Colonial Institute will be held early in the New Year.

A NEW AIRSHIP FOR THE BRITISH ARMY.

ORDERED IN FRANCE.

Perhaps it is not yet generally known says a Paris correspondent that the order for the big airship ever built in France has come from the British War Office, which has accepted the plans of the Latécoère firm for a big aerial cruiser with a capacity of 250,000 cubic feet. Considering that the Patrie, the Ville de Paris, the République, and other semi-rigid airships hitherto built in France, only had a capacity of 105,000 cubic feet, it will be seen that the airship ordered by the British Government will be nearly three times the size.

The engineer of the Latécoère firm, M. Juhanes, does not say that the airship is being constructed for the British Government, but this is what may be gathered from an interview in the *Paris Journal*. He says that some time ago they had drawn up plans for a big 250,000 cubic foot airship, and submitted them to the French War Office. They heard nothing more about the matter. They were rather surprised when, some months later, the Ministry of War asked for tenders for steerable balloons, with conditions which did not correspond to any of their conceptions. The Latécoère firm abstained from making any offers, but instead they negotiated with foreign Governments, and thus it is that now the big airship at first proposed for the French army is being built for England.

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Apply by letter to—
"STOREKEEPER,"
Care of "Daily Press" Office,
Hongkong, 27th January, 1910. [224]

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of this Company will be held at the Company's Registered Office, Alexandra Buildings, Des Voeux Road, Central, on TUESDAY, the 8th February, 1910, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1909.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 1st to 19th February (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be effected.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 27th January, 1910. [225]

THE TIENSIN LIGHTER CO., LD.

LIGHTERAGE, TOWAGE, STEVEDORAGE, ETC.

THE Company possesses a Fleet of Lighters and Tugs and is prepared to undertake the discharge of steamers and Lighters between Taku Bar and Tientsin.

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Estimates for all Classes of Engineering and Foundry Work, also for Docking and Painting Vessels, sent on application to—
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Managers,
Tientsin.

Hongkong, 27th January, 1910. [226]

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS, LTD.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM EUROPE.

THE Company's Steamship "CARMARTHENSIRE," having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns and not at their own risk. Goods to be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

Goods not cleared by the 2nd Feb. at 5 A.M. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

All damaged packages must be left in Godowns, where they will be examined at 9.30 A.M. on the 15th inst. No Claims will be admitted after goods have left the Godown nor will they be recognised if presented after 10 days of vessel's arrival here.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 26th January, 1910. [227]

NOW ON SALE.

MAIL TABLES

FOR 1910.

Shows the dates of departure of the Mails to Europe and America, and the dates of their expected arrival at their destinations, as well as the dates of return Mails.

Mounted on Card 30 Cents.
On Paper 20 "
On Sale at the Hongkong Daily Press Office.

NEW CARTRIDGES.

BY popular English Manufacturers. In all Boxes and Sizes.

SMOKELESS POWDERS and CHILLED SHOTS. From No. 10 to 888G. at \$6.47 and \$7.50 per 100. SPORTING REQUISITES and AIR GUNS in Variety.

Inspection invited.

WM. SCHMIDT & Co.

Hongkong, 26th October, 1906. [1514]

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CALIBRE 7.65 mm.

With CHAMBER for 8 CARTRIDGES

FIRING 8 SHOTS in 2 SECONDS.

STEMMEN & Co.

Hongkong, 6th March, 1907. [38]

PUBLIC COMPANIES

THE CHINA PROVIENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE THIRTIETH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, St. George's Building, No. 6, Connaught Road, on SATURDAY, 30th February, 1910, at 11.30 A.M. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1909, declaring a Dividend and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 31st January, until SATURDAY, the 5th February, 1910, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 22nd January, 1910. [211]

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE EIGHTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, Hotel Mansions, on TUESDAY, the 8th February, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, declaring a Dividend, confirming the appointment of a Director and electing Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 25th January to the 8th February, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. E. CLARKE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 17th January, 1910. [180]

FOR SALE

FOR SALE.

A Quantity of NETTING for Tennis Courts, etc.
TABLE BILLIARD SETS, SLATE BEDS, from \$4000.
CHINA EXPRESS CO.,
3, Duddell Street. [40]

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THE Cutter Yacht "BRYNHILDE," as she lies off AN KIN's, with all Gear and Stores, Bedding and Mess Traps on Board. Length over all, 42 feet; Beam, 10 feet 3 inches; Draught, 5 feet.

Lead Kool weighing 7,030 lbs. Teak Built, Copper Fused.

New Lalla, Area about 1,700 square feet. Large English-built Dinghy, Three Anchors, Chain and Hemp Cables, Two Life Buys, Compass, Lights, etc.

Complete and ready for use.

LEIGH & ORANGE,
Princes' Building,
2, Des Voeux Road Central.

Hongkong, 31st December, 1909. [106]

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REMAINING Portions of MARINE LOTS 31 and 35, at PRATA EAST.

Approximate Area, 43,000 Square Feet.

TO BE LET OR SOLD

IN LOTS TO SUIT TENANTS OR PURCHASERS.

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EXTENSIVE WATER

FRONTAGE, DEEP WATER.

Apply—
G. FENWICK & Co., Ltd.,
Engineers, &c.,
PRATA EAST, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 8th June, 1906. [34-166]

INSURANCES

ROSSIA INSURANCE COMPANY.

St. Petersburg, Russia.

Total Assets.....Rubles 73,000,000

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Messrs. MELCHERS & Co. have been appointed our AGENTS in Hongkong.

Referring to the above Notice, we have taken over the Agency of the

ROSSIA INSURANCE COMPANY,
St. Petersburg, Russia,

and we are prepared to accept Orders for FIRE and MARINE INSURANCE (European and Chinese Risks) at Current Rates.

MELCHERS & Co.,
Insurance Dept.

Hongkong, 25th January, 1910. [213]

ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE.

THE GENERAL ACCIDENT, FIRE and LIFE ASSURANCE CORPORATION, LIMITED.

is prepared to extend the benefits of its well-known "HOME" Policy to Hongkong.

Fire Risks also Accepted at Current Rates. For Prospectus and Particulars, apply to—

W. G. HUMPHREYS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 18th January, 1910. [187]

NOTICE.

HAVING been appointed AGENTS in Hongkong for the WESTERN ASSURANCE COMPANY, we are prepared to accept approved European and Chinese Risks at Current Rates.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
Hongkong, 18th August, 1909. [1083]

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

With Which is INCORPORATED THE OCEAN MARINE INSURANCE CO.

TOTAL FUNDS at 31st December, 1908 \$19,121,310.

I. Authorised Capital ... \$5,000,000

Subscribed Capital ... 3,775,000

Paid-up Capital ... 1,212,500 0 0

II. Fire Funds ... 3,204,753 7 10

The Undersigned, AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 15th January, 1909. [306]

NOTICE

M. B. LEISSING, having left our employ, ceases to sign our Firm per Procuration.

M. J. HELMERS is authorised to sign our Firm per Procuration from this date.

STEMMEN & Co.
Canton, 15th January, 1910. [197]

HARBOR MASTER'S DEPARTMENT.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that information has been received from the Military Authorities that GUN PRACTICE will be carried out as under:—

On TUESDAY, the 27th January, 1910—

From the West of Hongkong and Stonecutters in addition of from South-West North-West, at ranges up to 10,700 yards, commencing at 10 A.M.

If the weather is unfavorable on the above date, practice will take place on the following day.

All ships, junks and other vessels are to keep clear of the range.

HASIL TAYLOR, Commander, R.N.,
Harbour Master, &c.

Hongkong, 21st January, 1910. [210]

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

NOTICE.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce will be held on MONDAY, the 31st January, 1910, at 4 P.M. precisely, in the CITY HALL, for the following purposes:—

(1) To receive the Report and Accounts of the Committee for the year ended 31st December, 1909.

(2) To elect a New Committee.

(3) To transact any general business.

H. A. M. WILLIAMS,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 25th January, 1910. [219]

WANTED.

A BOOK-KEEPER for a Manila Firm. Britisher preferred. Age must be under 30 years, must have previous experience in a Merchant's Office, date qualifications, references and when free.

Reply—
"BOOK-KEEPER,"
Care of "Daily Press" Office,
Hongkong, 5th January, 1910. [129]

THE SWATOW DRAWN WORK CO.

17A, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

MANUFACTURERS of the best quality of hand-made Drawn Chinese Linen and Grass Cloth. All kinds of Silk of best quality, Canton Embroidery, and Chinese Lace from the latest French Fashions.

Hongkong, 25th December, 1909. [1432]

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THE best TONIC for keeping in perfect health in the Tropics.

It is a Liquid Food in predigested form containing all the bracing, soothing and toning effects of the choicest hops. Nearly Non-alcoholic. Highly recommended by the local medical profession in cases of DEBILITY after MALARIA, from OVERWORK or other causes, ANEMIA, NERVOUSNESS or DYSPEPSIA. Samples on Application.

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Agents.

Hongkong, 14th December, 1909. [1519]

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A HOUSE in KNOTSFORD TERRACE, No. 10, Kowloon.

Apply to—
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LD.,
Hongkong, 20th January, 1910. [193]

TO LET or FOR SALE.

DEBBINGTON, PRATA ROAD, No. 8.

SHORNOLLEFE, Garden Road, 7.

For Particulars apply to—
C. SCHREIER,
King's Buildings, 111, 113, 115, 117, 119, 121, 123, 125, 127, 129, 131, 133, 135, 137, 139, 141, 143, 145, 147, 149, 151, 153, 155, 157, 159, 161, 163, 165, 167, 169, 171, 173, 175, 177, 179, 181, 183, 185, 187, 189, 191, 193, 195, 197, 199, 201, 203, 205, 207, 209, 211, 213, 215, 217, 219, 221, 223, 225, 227, 229, 231, 233, 235, 237, 239, 241, 243, 245, 247, 249, 251, 253, 255, 257, 259, 261, 263, 265, 267, 269, 271, 273, 275, 277, 279, 281, 283, 285, 287, 289, 291, 293, 295, 297, 299, 301, 303, 305, 307, 309, 311, 313, 315, 317, 319, 321, 323, 325, 327, 329, 331, 333, 335, 337, 339, 341, 343, 345, 347, 349, 351, 353, 355, 357, 359, 361, 363, 365, 367, 369, 371, 373, 375, 377, 379, 381, 383, 385, 387, 389, 391, 393, 395, 397, 399, 401, 403, 405, 407, 409, 411, 413, 415, 417, 419, 421, 423, 425, 427, 429, 431, 433, 435, 437, 439, 441, 443, 445, 447, 449, 451, 453, 455, 457, 459, 461, 463, 465, 467, 469, 471, 473, 475, 477, 479, 481, 483, 485, 487, 489, 491, 493, 495, 497, 499, 501, 503, 505, 507, 509, 511, 513, 515, 517, 519, 521, 523, 525, 527, 529, 531, 533, 535, 537, 539, 541, 543, 545, 547, 549, 551, 553, 555, 557, 559, 561, 563, 565, 567, 569, 571, 573, 575, 577, 579, 581, 583, 585, 587, 589, 591, 593, 595, 597, 599, 601, 603, 605, 607, 609, 611, 613, 615, 617, 619, 621, 623, 625, 627, 629, 631, 633, 635, 637, 639, 641, 643, 645, 647, 649, 651, 653, 655, 657, 659, 661, 663, 665, 667, 669, 671, 673, 675, 677, 679, 681, 683, 685, 687, 689, 691, 693, 695, 697, 699, 701, 703, 705, 707, 709, 711, 713, 715, 717, 719, 721, 723, 725, 727, 729, 731, 733, 735, 737, 739, 741, 743, 745, 747, 749, 751, 753, 755, 757, 759, 761, 763, 765, 767, 769, 771, 773, 775, 777, 779, 781, 783, 785, 787, 789, 791, 793, 795, 797, 799, 801, 803, 805, 807, 809, 811, 813, 815, 817, 819, 821, 823, 825, 827, 829, 831, 833, 835, 837, 839, 841, 843, 845, 847, 849, 851, 853, 855, 857, 859, 861, 863, 865, 867, 869, 871, 873, 875, 877, 879, 881, 883, 885, 887, 889, 891, 893, 895, 897, 899, 901, 903, 905, 907, 909, 911, 913, 915, 917, 919, 921, 923, 925, 927, 929, 931, 933, 935, 937, 939, 941, 943, 945, 947, 949, 951, 953, 955, 957, 959, 961, 963, 965, 967, 969, 971, 973, 975, 977, 979, 981, 983, 985, 987, 989, 991, 993, 995, 997, 999, 1001, 1003, 1005, 1007, 1009, 1011, 1013, 1015, 1017, 1019, 1021, 1023, 1025, 1027, 1029, 1031, 1033, 1035, 1037, 1039, 1041, 1043, 1045, 1047, 1049, 1051, 1053, 1055, 1057, 1059, 1061, 1063, 1065, 1067, 1069, 1071, 1073, 1075, 1077, 1079, 1081, 1083, 1085, 1087, 1089, 1091, 1093, 1095, 1097, 1099, 1101, 1103, 1105, 1107, 1109, 1111, 1113, 1115, 1117, 1119, 1121, 1123, 1125, 1127, 1129, 1131, 1133, 1135, 1137, 1139, 1141, 1143, 1145, 1147, 1149, 1151, 1153, 1155, 1157, 1159, 1161, 1163, 1165, 1167, 1169, 1171, 1173, 1175, 1177, 1179, 1181, 1183, 1185, 1187, 1189, 1191, 1193, 1195, 1197, 1199, 1201, 1203, 1205, 1207, 1209, 1211, 1213, 1215, 1217, 1219, 1221, 1223, 1225, 1227, 1229, 1231, 1233, 1235, 1237, 1239, 1241, 1243, 1245, 1247, 1249, 1251, 1253, 1255, 1257, 1259, 1261, 1263, 1265, 1267, 1269, 1271, 1273, 1275, 1277, 1279, 1281, 1283, 1285, 1287, 1289, 1291, 1293, 1295, 1297, 1299, 1301, 1303, 1305, 1307, 1309, 1311, 1313, 1315, 1317, 1319, 1321, 1323, 1325, 1327, 1329, 1331, 1333, 1335, 1337, 1339, 1341, 1343, 1345, 1347, 1349, 1351, 1353, 1355, 1357, 1359, 1361, 1363, 1365, 1367, 1369, 1371, 1373, 1375, 1377, 1379, 1381, 1383, 1385, 1387, 1389, 1391, 1393, 1395, 1397, 1399, 1401, 1403, 1405, 1407, 1409, 1411, 1413, 1415, 1417, 1419, 1421, 1423, 1425, 1427, 1429, 1431, 1433, 1435, 1437, 1439, 1441, 1443, 1445, 1447, 1449, 1451, 1453, 1455, 1457, 1459, 1461, 1463, 1465, 1467, 1469, 1471, 1473, 1475, 1477, 1479, 1481, 1483, 1485, 1487, 1489, 1491, 1493, 1495, 1497, 1499, 1501, 1503, 1505, 1507, 1509, 1511, 1513, 1515, 1517, 1519, 1521, 1523, 1525, 1527, 1529, 1531, 1533, 1535, 1537, 1539, 1541, 1543, 1545, 1547, 1549, 1551, 1553, 1555, 1557, 1559, 1561, 1563, 1565, 1567, 1569, 1571, 1573, 1575, 1577, 1579, 1581, 1583, 1585, 1587, 1589, 1591, 1593, 1595, 1597, 1599, 1601, 1603, 1605, 1607, 1609, 1611, 1613, 1615, 1617, 1619, 1621, 1623, 1625, 1627, 1629, 1631, 1633, 1635, 163

